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ASHEVILLE, NC

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
W. DISTRICT OF N.C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) **CONSENT ORDER AND**
) **JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE**
)
AARON JOSHUA MILLS)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) & (c)(2), the Court finds that there is the requisite nexus between the property and the offense(s) to which the defendant has pleaded guilty;

WHEREAS, the defendant withdraws any claim previously submitted in response to an administrative forfeiture or civil forfeiture proceeding concerning any of the property described below. If the defendant has not previously submitted such a claim, the defendant hereby waives all right to do so. If any administrative forfeiture or civil forfeiture proceeding concerning any of the property described below has previously been stayed, the defendant hereby consents to a lifting of the stay and consents to forfeiture;

WHEREAS, the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge is authorized to enter this Order by the previous Order of this Court No. 3:05MC302-C (September 8, 2005);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the **following property** is forfeited to the United States:

- **Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9, 9mm caliber handgun, serial number HNJ7665; and**
- **Nine rounds of 9mm caliber ammunition.**

The United States Marshal and/or other property custodian for the investigative agency is authorized to take possession and maintain custody of the above-described tangible property.

If and to the extent required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6), 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), and/or other applicable law, the United States shall publish notice and provide direct written notice of this forfeiture.

As to any firearms and/or ammunition listed above and/or in the charging instrument, defendant consents to disposal by federal, state, or local law enforcement authorities upon such legal process as they, in their sole discretion, deem to be legally sufficient, and waives any and all right to further notice of such process or such destruction.

Any person, other than the defendant, asserting any legal interest in the property may, within thirty days of the publication of notice or the receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the alleged interest.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), upon entry of this Order of Forfeiture, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of the property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and to issue subpoenas, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.

Following the Court's disposition of all timely petitions filed, a final order of forfeiture shall be entered, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2). If no third party files a timely petition, this order shall become the final order and judgment of forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2), and the United States shall have clear title to the property and shall dispose of the property according to law. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A), the defendant consents that this order shall be final as to defendant upon filing.


SO AGREED:

For ⇒ 
JONATHAN D. LETZRING
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AARON JOSHUA MILLS
Defendant


ALBERT M. MESSER
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Signed: July 21st, 2021


W. CARLETON METCALF
United States Magistrate Judge
Western District of North Carolina